

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
OCTOBER 20, 1994

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held on Thursday, October 20, 1994, at 9:00 a.m., in room 507 of the Education and Research Center, Jackson, Mississippi.

Members present: Alton Bankston, Paul Breazeale, Amos Bridges, Patricia Puckett, Perrin Purvis, Barbara Ricks, Nell Rogers, William Seal, and George Walker.

Member absent: Hazel Terry.

Staff in attendance: Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director, William Barnett, William Bunch, Becky Cade, Deborah Gilbert, Eloise Johnson, Sandra Lucas, and Frankie Walton White.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul Breazeale at 9:20 a.m.

PRELIMINARIES

The invocation was given by Amos Bridges.

Acknowledgments/Introductions

Paul Breazeale recognized and welcomed the following visitors: Mrs. Nancy Alley, State Department of Education, Dr. Rita Nordan, Director of Teacher Education and Special Programs, BTIHL, and Dr. David Haraway, Chairman of the MACJC.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Perrin Purvis, seconded by George Walker, the Board approved the minutes of the September 15, 1994, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Agenda

On a motion by Alton Bankston, seconded by Patricia Puckett, the Board unanimously adopted the agenda.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Olon Ray informed Board members of the resignations of two staff members, Mrs. Rozelia Harris, Director of Proprietary Schools and College Registration, and Miss Lori Long, Director of the Workplace Literacy Program Grant.

Dr. Ray reported on the Skill/Tech meeting held on October 19, 1994, and passed on to Board members positive comments he received regarding the program.

The SBCJC November meeting will be held at East Central Community College on Thursday, November 17, 1994. Dr. Ray covered a tentative agenda for the meeting. Final arrangements will be mailed to Board members with their November meeting agenda. On a motion by George Walker, seconded by Alton Bankston, the Board voted unanimously to hold the November meeting at East Central Community College and change the time from 9:00 to 10:00 a. m.

Dr. Ray also shared a letter from the family of Curtis Starling, brother of SBCJC member Barbara Ricks, thanking the Board for their expressions of thoughtfulness following his death.

Executive Director's Travel Schedule:

October 21 - 25 - Personal Leave

November 10 - Northwest Mississippi Community College, Board of Trustees Meeting

November 11 - Veterans' Day State Holiday, SBCJC Office will be closed.

REPORTS/ACTION

MACJC REPORT

Dr. David Haraway reported on the following items discussed at the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges' meeting on September 27, 1994:

Dr. David Powe, Manager of Education Programs for NASA, explained to the Presidents the Stevenson-Wydler Act. This program allows educational institutions like community colleges to obtain federal surplus property.

Dr. Mike Freeman from the University of Alabama's Marshall Space Flight Center, addressed the Association regarding a program whereby faculty members from community colleges may apply for stipends in the summer in the amount of \$3200. The program will be held during a four week period at Huntsville Space Center to study the technology of aerospace engineering.

Mr. Raleigh Byars, State Director of the Mississippi Small Business Development Center, spoke to the Association. Through his efforts all fifteen community/junior colleges are sponsoring Small Business Development Centers on their campuses.

Dr. Ray reported to the Presidents on the Skill/Tech Kick-Off Campaign. He informed the presidents of the possible addition of two staff members to deal with accountability of the Workforce Education Act. Dr. Ray also reported that SBCJC staff had investigated simplification of the application and implementation of grant funds and information on this process would be forthcoming.

Dr. Cora Norman, Executive Director of the Mississippi Humanities Council, sponsored a conference in Olive Branch which was attended by about forty representatives from Mississippi community/junior colleges.

Dr. Haraway reminded the Association of Dr. Gerald Turner's, Chancellor of the University of Mississippi, invitation to hold a meeting on the Ole Miss campus. Plans are to hold a meeting at Ole Miss after the legislative session.

Mississippi State University will also host an Association meeting in conjunction with the SBCJC in April, 1995.

The Association received a report from the Technology Committee Chairman, Dr. David Cole. On a majority vote, the presidents agreed to proceed with Evans Associates. Funding of \$93,000 would be paid 50% equally by the fifteen community/junior colleges, and 50% based on enrollment.

The Association voted to support the Tech Prep Initiative sponsored by the State Department of Education.

Dr. Clyde Muse, Legislative Committee Chairman, proposed that the regional legislative meetings held each year be conducted over the Community College Network on the same date. The Association approved the proposal. Also, the Association voted to again host an appreciation luncheon for members of the legislature.

The Association approved payment of the \$50 assessment to the Mississippi Association of Administrators. Members also discussed the Junior/Senior College Conference.

Dr. Haraway distributed a copy of the MACJC October 25, 1994 meeting for the Board's information.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Patricia Puckett presented the Finance Committee agenda items for Board approval.

Upon finance committee recommendation, a motion by George Walker, and a second by Nell Rogers, the Board voted unanimously to approve an advancement from Fund 2298 to Coahoma Community College, in the amount of \$118,624. (Exhibit A)

Upon finance committee recommendation, a motion by George Walker, and a second by Nell Rogers, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Aid to Colleges Disbursement from Fund 2298 for November, in the amount of \$4,362,926 and December, in the amount of \$4,362,925. (Exhibit B)

Deborah Gilbert presented a policy prepared by Bill Barnett on funding of projects generated by the One-Stop Career Centers. On finance committee recommendation, a motion by George Walker, and a second by Nell Rogers, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Workforce Education Act payment schedule as presented. (Exhibit C)

Upon finance committee recommendation, a motion by Patricia Puckett, and a second by Alton Bankston, the Board voted unanimously to ratify the contract signed by Dr. Ray on behalf of the SBCJC and all partners with Evans Associates, and to approve the expenditure of \$12,000 for SBCJC funds toward this contract. (Exhibit D)

Deborah Gilbert covered a handout outlining general points on Certificates of Participation lease purchase financing. Two colleges are currently taking advantage of legislation that was passed in 1990. They are Hinds Community College and Meridian Community College. (Exhibit E)

Mrs. Puckett presented for the Boards' information a breakdown of October Disbursements of Education Enhancement Fund appropriations in the total amount of \$2,180,358.50 from Funds 4080, 4110, and 4301. A disbursement in the amount of \$741,613 was made to Southwest Mississippi Community College from Fund 4302 - Capital Improvements. No action was required. (Exhibit F)

Mrs. Puckett presented for the Boards' information, financial statements for funds 2291, 3291, and 4300. No action was required. (Exhibit G)

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Mr. Amos Bridges called on Mr. Bill Bunch to cover items listed on the Program Committee agenda.

Upon staff recommendation, a motion by Amos Bridges, and a second by Nell Rogers, the Board voted unanimously to approve a curriculum option in Travel and Tourism to Hotel/Motel Technology 2.3/08.0902 at the Jefferson Davis Campus of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

Upon staff recommendation, a motion by Amos Bridges, and a second by Nell Rogers, the Board voted unanimously to allow the University of Mississippi, Universities Center location to offer a lower level course, LA 209 - Real Property Law.

WORK FORCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mr. George Walker gave a brief recap of items covered during the Work Force Education Committee meeting held prior to the Board meeting. The Committee discussed preparing special reports for possible legislative requests on child care, non-traditional students, mobile training operations, industry and teacher awards, and overlapping jurisdiction of training, trying to become more directed with the resources available. Also discussed was a possible request for a supplemental appropriation to be decided upon at a later date.

Mr. Walker reported that the State Workforce Council met yesterday following the Skill/Tech Kick-Off Campaign and has set additional meetings for October 26, and November 9, 1994, to work on guidelines to be used at each community/junior college.

A suggestion was made by Board member Alton Bankston that each Board member take information about newspaper articles already written to a local newspaper in their area and ask them to write articles about the Skill/Tech Centers and Work Force Education Act.

Mr. Walker suggested that the Board look into presenting a Vocational/Industrial Teacher of the Year award. Mr. Bankston also suggested that a outstanding classroom teacher award be presented by the Board.

Mr. Walker asked staff to survey our community/junior colleges to ascertain which ones offer child care programs while students are provided training.

PHIL HARDIN FOUNDATION GRANT REQUEST

Mr. Bill Barnett reported on a grant request from the Phil Hardin Foundation to set-up strategic planning support for the District Work Force Councils. The Grant contains four major categories, (1) preparation of the grant, (2) high-class facilitation, (3) a quality assurance program, and (4) final approval and how to work this into a State plan from the fifteen district plans. On a motion by George Walker, seconded by Alton Bankston, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Phil Hardin Foundation Grant Request in the amount of \$85,000.

BASIC SKILLS SPECIALIST

Eloise Johnson gave Board members an overview of mobilized learning labs which may be purchased with available ABE funds. Funding has been offered to each of the fifteen community/junior colleges to employ a Basic Skills Specialist. Nine Basic Skills Specialists has been hired and another six should be employed by November 1, 1994.

Ms. Johnson also reported that the Model Project met with ABE Directors on the coast and reported that they are working with instructors on counseling techniques. Dr. Hugh Peck with Mississippi State University is assisting with our office's looking at a MIS system and working on standardizing our enrollment information. Two areas being concentrated on in the Model Project are recruitment and retention for the ABE programs.

JANUARY JOINT LUNCHEON

Dr. Ray reported that there will be a joint luncheon meeting with IHL, and members of the State Department of Education on January 19, 1995, at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, in Jackson.

EDNET REPORT

Paul Breazeale reported that the EdNet Board met on October 4, 1994. A report was received from the private partner stating that there are to date 800 online subscribers. Within 90 days online service is planned for the delta and gulf coast areas.

TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

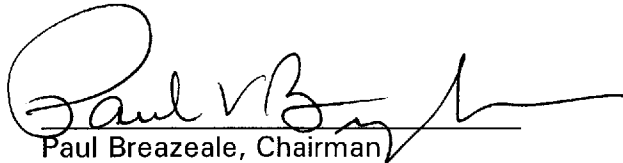
Paul Breazeale asked for requests for travel reimbursements other than regular Board meetings. On a motion by Perrin Purvis, seconded by William Seal, the Board unanimously approved requests for travel expense reimbursement for George Walker, William Seal, Alton Bankston, Patricia Puckett, Paul Breazeale, and Perrin Purvis for attending the Skill/Tech Kick-Off Campaign, George Walker for attending State Work Force Council meetings on October 19, October 26, and November 9, 1994, and Paul Breazeale for attending an EdNet Board meeting on October 4, 1994.

OTHER BUSINESS

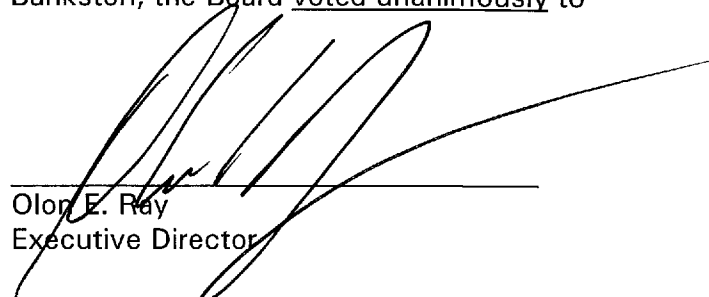
Upon consensus of members present the SBCJC Committee on Foundation Affairs was revived. Alton Bankston will serve as chairman. Other members include Amos Bridges Patricia Puckett, and Nell Rogers. Mr. Breazeale asked Assistant Attorney General Frankie White to assist the Board's Committee in keeping with the division of responsibilities of looking into concerns over public funds. Ms. White gave the Board a report on issues referred to the Attorney's General's office for review and advice.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Perrin Purvis, seconded by Alton Bankston, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m.



Paul Breazeale, Chairman



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Executive Director